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the material submitted herewith. It is further understood that the Examiner will consider information that had been cited by or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in a prior application relied on under 35 U.S.C. § 120. 1138 OG 37, 38 (May 19, 1992).

The document cited on the attached Form PTO-1449 is Zhang et al "A Client/Server Approach to 3D Modeling Support System for Coast Change Study." This document was previously cited on the Form PTO-1449 filed on November 22, 2000. This document was also cited on the PCT International Search Report for the present application. Copies of the International Search Report and references cited therein (including the Zhang et al reference) were received by the U.S. Patent Office as indicated by the Notification of Acceptance of Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 mailed November 2, 2000. Nevertheless, the Examiner indicated that this reference was not part of the USPTO file. In an abundance of caution, Applicant has provided another copy of the Zhang et al reference and a Form PTO-1449 citing this reference.

The August 28, 2003 Office Action requested that Applicant provide copies of, inter alia, the "Knowledge and Location" reference discussed on page 4, lines 11-23 of the application. After diligent efforts, Applicant has not been able to locate this reference. For the Examiner's convenience, Applicant has repeated below the discussion of this reference of page 4, lines 11-23 of the specification.

"A paper entitled Knowledge and Location, Isabel Novoa, Mark Wilby, presented at International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence, Montreal, 1995, describes a model for the management of information in a distributed environment. The model proposed is a flexible addressing system based on a tree-like nodal network, representing a distributed database. In order to locate information within the database, routing information is provided by nodes within the network. If a node receives a request for routing information, it first checks a database local to the node to determine whether the requested information is present. If not, the request is passed to a parent of the node. If the information is present, the routing request may be passed to a destination child node whereby eventually the address required is found. The system is implemented in order to allow disassociation between the address of a mobile user, and

the routing information whereby the address may be accessed."

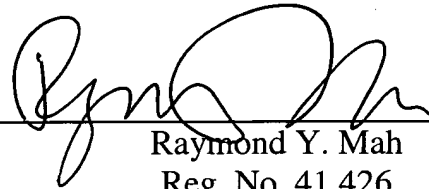
It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449, and to indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 14-1140 referencing docket number 36-1381.

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